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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

—Gen. Foster has sent in an official report of the late cavalry raid in North Carolina. Our force consisted of the 3d New-York, some of Mix's men, a squadron of the 12th New-York, and one North Carolina company, all commanded by Brig.-Gen. Patten. They destroyed the railroad bridge over Tar River; they also destroyed a cotton mill well filled, a flouring mill with 1,000 barrels of flour, and a large quantity of hard bread, a machine shop with shells and powder, a large depot, and several offices, an engine and train of cars, a train of 23 wagons with supplies for the Rebels, an armory and machine shop, 800 bales of cotton, two steamboats, an iron-clad in process of construction, a saw-mill, a train of cars, and great quantities of substance; 100 prisoners, and 300 horses and mules were taken, and 300 negroes following our forces to Newbern. There was a good deal of fighting, the enemy being beaten in every instance. Our loss will not exceed 25 men.

—A dispatch from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac states that the Rebels were in force on Thursday near Front Royal, and that their cavalry were driven from Manassas Gap about sunset. It was the impression that the Rebels intended to cross the Blue Ridge at Chester or Thornton's Gap, and it is intimated that they will encounter serious opposition at the former. It is added that the Army of the Potomac is full of high expectations. A Union man, who reached Chambersburg on Friday from Banker Hill, states that Lee and staff were at Strasburg on Thursday. Longstreet's corps was at Strasburg, and the advance of the Rebel column had reached Mount Jackson.

—Our latest accounts from Meade's army say that Lee has successively tried all the Blue Ridge gaps, and been repulsed in each instance. Foiled in his desperate attempt to march into Central Virginia, it is thought that he is now moving in all haste up the Valley of the Shenandoah toward Staunton. Our army is practically between Lee and Richmond, and ready for any battle he may offer. Stuart's cavalry is no longer able to do us serious damage; only "Moseby's band" are troublesome. At Chester Gap our cavalry recaptured 1,100 cattle, several thousand sheep, and a number of horses and mules. Our cavalry have done most excellent service during the past week.

—Dispatches from Leavenworth, Kansas, to the 2d report a victory for Gen. Blunt over the Rebels in the Indian Territory on the 16th inst. The enemy was overtaken at Elk Creek, 5,000 strong, under Gen. Cooper, and was there vigorously engaged by 2,500 men and 12 guns of Gen. Blunt's command. The fight was obstinate; but by a bold charge it was finished in the flight of the Rebels, who left all their stores in our possession. Our cavalry were pursuing the fleeing Rebels when the Express left. The Rebel loss was 60 killed and 24 wounded. Col. Williams of the 1st Colored Kansas was severely wounded.

—Admiral Porter has officially informed the Navy Department of the result of the expedition recently sent by him through the navigable waters of the Red river country. The enemy appear to have been taken completely by surprise. Two fine steamers laden with stores were captured, and two others were turned by the Rebels to prevent their falling into our hands. Large quantities of ammunition were also captured. At Harrisonburg, on the Red river, a very strong fort was found, on a considerable elevation, which could not be reduced by wooden gunboats, which alone composed the expedition.

—We have news from Rebel sources to the 18th instant, relative to the evacuation of Jackson and the retreat of the enemy. The sick and wounded were all removed, and the Rebels, according to their own account, moved out of the city very quietly at 10 o'clock on the night of the 16th, our forces not being aware of the fact until daylight next morning.

—Gen. Connor has sent to the War Department a report of his expedition to Utah. He has given the Indians some good lessons; established a new military post at Soda Springs, near the great bend of Bear river, in Idaho Territory, and established in a town of their own, 33 families of Mormons, or seceded Mormons.

—The destruction of Wytheville, Va., by our forces under Col. Tolland, is officially reported by Gen. Scammon to the War Department. It is also confirmed by a dispatch from the Rebel Gen. Jones to the Confederate Government.

—Major-Gen. T. W. Sherman and Brig.-Gen. Shepley were among the passengers by the Columbia, which arrived from New-Orleans on Saturday.

—Passengers from Vicksburg, arrived on Saturday at Cairo, say that our forces have burned the city of Jackson. We doubt the story.

NEWS FROM EUROPE.

By the arrival of the City of New-York and the Olympus at this port, and the Scotia off Cape Race, we have one week later dates from Europe—to July 19.

Mr. Roebuck, on July 13, withdrew his motion in favor of a recognition of the Confederates. Mr. Lindsay gave an explanation about his and Mr. Roebuck's late interview with Louis Napoleon without, however, explaining any of the discrepancies between Mr. Roebuck's statements and the declaration of the English Ministers and the Paris *Moniteur*. The O'Donoghue declared himself to be in favor of a reconstruction of the Federal Union, whether upon a Northern or Southern basis.

In the House of Lords, on July 14, further information on the case of the British vessel Margaret and Jessie, said to have been fired by the Union vessel Rhode Island, was called for, but Earl Russell had none to give.

The first accounts of the battles at Gettysburg had been received, and great praise was accorded to the Union army and Gen. Meade. The *London Times*, however, does not find the prospects of the Unionists improved, and says the principal struggle is to come at Vicksburg and Port Hudson.

Accounts from Paris and Vienna state that the Russian reply to the notes of the three Western Powers had been received. It is willing to concede the six points, but proposes an amnesty to such insurgents as will lay down their arms, instead of an armistice.

German papers publish a remarkable correspondence, said to have passed between the King and the Crown Prince of Prussia. In this correspondence, the Crown Prince urges his father not to break the laws, and declares that the spirit of the Constitution had been violated, and in a letter to Her von Bi-

march he protests against the decree respecting the press, which he considers illegal and prejudicial to the interests of the country and the royal family.

GENERAL NEWS.

—Saturday and Sunday were the two hottest days we have had this season. The range of mercury was not remarkably high, but there was a stickiness in the air, and it clung about us like a robe of fire, bringing to speedy surrender the veriest salamander amongst us. About one o'clock on Sunday morning there was a thunder shower, but it left the atmosphere as hot as before. By careful survey of angles and exposed places one was able yesterday to get now and then a bit of a breeze, and existence was thus made tolerable. The rush to ferries and cars yesterday was unprecedented, although the exhaustion produced by the walking necessary to reach these conveyances was something not to be rashly ventured upon. As the sun went down all New-York not gone to Hoboken seated itself upon the front steps of the houses and lolled like an overheated ox. Within doors the air was very like the air of a newly-heated oven, and the broiled denizen was glad enough to escape to the street. Late in the evening came the cool breeze peculiar to this location, and at midnight the temperature was once more down to comfortable.

—By the arrival on Saturday of the steamer Columbia, we have dates from New Orleans to the 19th inst. The news is unimportant. Two steamers had arrived. The Spanish national ensign at the fore and stern following our forces to Newbern. There was a good deal of fighting, the enemy being beaten in every instance. Our loss will not exceed 25 men.

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—Two prize-steamer arrived at Philadelphia on Friday—the Kate Dale, captured by the gunboat R. C. Cuyler off Tortugas, and the Lizzie, captured by the Santiago de Cuba off Abaco.

—The U. S. mail steamship Champion left Aspinwall July 17th, at 2 p. m., and arrived at New-York on Saturday morning. She brings \$200,000 in gold, and over 100 bales of cotton.

—As usual on Saturday, in the Summer months, there was no Second Board at the Stock Exchange. At the morning Board the market opened firm and active, but under a disposition to realize on the part of some operators, there was a temporary depression. Prices revived, however, before the close of the session on all but a few of the leading stocks. Government stocks steadily rose after the Board, and in the strictest consideration was done in the afternoon Exchange was active. Sterling opened at 13*1/2*, but a good advanced, it sold up to 13*3/4*, and at the close some drawings asked 14*1/2*. Franks were 4*3/4*-4*1/2*. Freights are very dull, and rates are lower.

On the second page this morning we print one week later News from Europe; on the second and third pages will be found more about the late Riot, the Police Commissioners' Address, &c.; on the seventh page, Amusements and Commercial Matters.

Gen. Blunt, with twenty-four hundred men, on the 16th instant, attacked five thousand Rebels under Gen. Cooper, on Elk Creek in the Indian Territory, and after a short contest put them to flight, killing sixty, and taking a hundred prisoners. The troops engaged on our side were from Indiana and Kansas, among them the 1st Kansas, colored—all fighting regiments under a fighting general. Very likely the Rebels will take the hint and emigrate to some department which Gen. Blunt does not administer. Should they not go gracefully, they will be made to go.

The Hon. JOHN J. CRITTENDEN died yesterday morning at his residence in Frankfort, Ky. His disease was old age and general debility; he retained his faculties to the last moment, dying without pain or struggle. Mr. Crittenden's history is too well known to be repeated here in detail. He was born in Woodford County, Ky., was bred to the law, established his business at Frankfort, was elected to the Legislature in 1816, and to the United States Senate in 1817, where he stayed only two years. In 1825 he was again chosen Senator; resigned in 1841, and went into President Harrison's cabinet as Attorney-General; he was Tylerized in the Fall of that year, and at once returned to the Senate for the remainder of Henry Clay's term. In 1848 he resigned and was elected Governor of Kentucky by the old Whig party. President Fillmore made him again Attorney-General, where he remained until President Pierce came in, when he once more returned to the Senate for the term ending in 1861. His latest political labors were devoted to the attempt to pacify the South by the celebrated compromise which is known by his name.

FORT WAGNER.

Another assault upon Fort Wagner, another repulse, and Fort Sumter still beneath the Rebel flag—such is the news from Charleston harbor which the Arago brought yesterday to hearts beating high with hope. A clear account of the disaster is given in the letter of our special correspondent, printed in other columns—a letter of intense, even appalling interest, assuming it to be correct, and it bears plentiful intrinsic evidence of its correctness, we cannot put aside the conviction that the assault was terribly mismanaged, and that the almost unequalled bravery of those heroic troops and their officers who attempted it was of no avail, because it was not rightly directed.

In the first place a tremendous cannonade from land batteries and ships was begun against Fort Wagner at 12*1/2* on the 16th inst., and continued until an hour after sundown. Gen. Gillmore and Admiral Dahlgren seem to have regarded with the utmost surprise the impregnability of the fort to this fire. Scarcely an answering gun was returned by the Rebels; they were content to let the storm of shot fury itself in the earthworks, or pass harmlessly over their heads. And it seems though the statement is almost incredible, that this fire had been so surely counted on to reduce the fort, that no preparation for assault had been made, and that the assault which was made, was hurriedly arranged on the spur of the moment, after the cessation of the bombardment!

Not even the brigade organization of the forces was preserved. Regiments were selected by different commanders, to whom they were unknown except by reputation, and this desperate duty was thus assigned to a half organized column, with as much hasty carelessness as if they were destined for a holiday

parade. The assault, nevertheless, was to be made in heavy force.

Three brigades composed the storming party. The first, under Gen. Strong, a good and gallant officer, consisted of the 54th Massachusetts (colored), Col. Shaw; the 6th Connecticut, Col. Chatfield; the 4th New-York, Col. Barber; the 3d New-Hampshire, Col. Jackson; the 76th Pennsylvania, Col. Green; and the 9th Maine, Col. Emery. All were veteran regiments save one—the 54th Massachusetts—and that one was placed in the van and led the assault. It had earned the post of honor by its heroic fighting two days before, on James Island; but it was ordered to this duty just after its arrival from a wearisome march. Still, it went gladly to its work.

This column, led by Gen. Strong, advanced along a narrow beach for more than half a mile before it reached the fort, exposed at every step to the fire in front from the heavy guns and musketry of Fort Wagner, and is a still more terrible enfilading fire from Fort Sumter, which swept the shore along which they marched. Through it all, they went steadily on, the negro regiment steadily leading. They reached the fort, and portions of three regiments, the 54th Massachusetts, the 6th Connecticut, and the 4th New-York, passed the ditches, gained the parapet, and for half an hour, in a hand-to-hand fight, struggled with the enemy for the possession of the work. They fought under a fire of grape and canister from the howitzers which raked the ditches, from hand grenades, from musketry, but they fought so long as there was an officer left command them. When the brigade fell back, Major Plumpton of the 3d New-Hampshire was the highest officer left to lead its fragments away from the fight. The General and the five Colonels had fallen. Men had fallen by hundreds; they had done all men could do, and they retreated.

The 54th Massachusetts (the colored regiment), went into that awful carnage under its noble commander, Col. Shaw, whom a Rebel bullet struck as he gained the parapet. It lost every field officer and every captain, and a lieutenant only remained to order it back. Let it be remembered that this colored regiment, like the Louisiana colored regiment at Port Hudson, was put at the head of a storming column, all veterans but they; put in a position never given except to veterans; charged with a duty of danger and death in which the bravest troops, tried in long years, have often failed than succeeded. Yet in this utmost test of courage and of all soldierly qualities, this new regiment of colored soldiers just from the peaceful soil of Massachusetts gave the most splendid and most terrible proof of its heroism; fighting till that deadly breach till almost every officer had fallen and three hundred of its men lay dead.

But why was no support sent to this forlorn hope? Why, when the second column, under Col. Putnam, which also went heroically into this same terrible fire, and over the parapet from which its comrades had been repelled with this fearful slaughter—why was no support sent? Each column carried the fort only to be driven from it for want of reinforcements. Who is responsible? General Gillmore was not far off. His Chief of Staff, Gen. Seymour was on the ground. Of which of these was it the duty to succor those brave men desperately fighting against hopeless odds? Or were the orders given and not obeyed?

Be the fault or crime wheresoever it was, the supports did not come, and one column after the other was forced to give way. The assault failed. The fort is apparently impregnable by artillery and has resisted two assaults. We know not what Gen. Gillmore means next to attempt, but we know that on the Government rests the imperative duty of ascertaining whether he or Gen. Seymour, or Gen. Stevenson is responsible for the present failure.

The same cause was alleged for the repulse of the first attack: it reappears thrice in this.

It should be made clear on whom the blame rests for so unfortunate a blunder, and on whomsoever is guilty should fall the utmost penalty that martial law can inflict.

THE WAY TO PEACE.

The one direct, essential, overruling prerequisite to an early and honorable Peace in this distracted, devastated country is the prompt mustering in of the Three Hundred Thousand Men for which the Government has made a draft on the National Militia.

If those men were to-day embodied, it is highly probable that there would be no more serious fighting. Even before our present wasted, decimated armies, the Rebellion makes head only in Northern Virginia, and behind its strong defenses at Charleston. Gens. Rosecrans, Grant and Banks find no enemies that dare dispute their victorious progress; and the Rebels in Arkansas, so recently beaten in the East by the defenders of Helena, have just been routed in the West by a less numerous force under Gen. Blunt. Practically, the Rebellion in the Valley of the Mississippi is smashed.

But our thinned regiments sorely need recruiting before our successes can be followed up. Gen. Banks took Port Hudson by the aid of nine months' men, who had already completed their full term of enlistment. Had they insisted on their unquestioned right to leave, the result must have been disastrous. All our armies, in addition to the inevitable waste of war, have been sorely depleted by the mustering out of regiments who have faithfully served their two years, or their nine months, and have come home, as was their right. Our recent losses from this source alone will not fall much short of One Hundred Thousand Men.

Meantime, the Rebels practice on the good old rule—"Keep what you get, and get what you can." All who ever enlisted in their service—no matter whether for one year or two—are conscripted to serve to the end. All

those who have not enlisted, whether Unionists or Rebels, they force into their service. There

is great danger that, while their armies are remorselessly recruited and ours steadily depleted, they may speedily outnumber us on certain important points, if not generally.

The National Draft is our Government's in-

dispensable recourse. Nothing else will give us the necessary reinforcements with adequate efficiency. We need them now, so as to be ready for a decisive Fall campaign, if the Rebels shall not—as we think they may—be impelled by the mere assembling of this new force to succumb.

Volunteering is too tardy a resource; beside which, it involves the appointment of a multitude of new and mainly green officers, who cannot, in the nature of things, be nearly so efficient as the old ones, improved by actual service, and with the most conspicuous cowards, imbeciles and swindlers weeded out. Three Hundred Thousand new men incorporated into old regiments will be far more effective than if mustered in in new regiments, and will cost the country at least Fifty Millions less.

We do not disparage Volunteering. On the contrary, we welcome it; the more the better. Every good man now disposed to volunteer can pocket the \$300 in cash which the Government exacts from every one seeking exemption, receive his \$13 per month, beside clothing, equipment and rations during service, and have a further bounty of \$100 at the close, which we confidently hope will be within a year. Never before on earth were such inducements offered to volunteers as now. But let them take the places of drafted men, so as to secure the extra \$300 which does not come out of the Treasury, and recruit old regiments rather than form new ones.

Meantime, the Pro-Slavery journals and politicians of the loyal States are darkening the sky with rumors of discussion and dissension in the Cabinet respecting terms of accommodation with the Rebels, and are straining every nerve to force the Government to solicit peace at their hands. Some of them are asking if THE TRIBUNE will advocate "reconstruction" on this or that ground, in defiance of our repeated and explicit statements that we propose to leave this whole matter to the Government of our country, which we hold to be at perfect liberty to accept the submission of the Rebels on such conditions as it shall judge honorable, proper and safe. In all this land, there is no man who will more heartily, gratefully welcome a just and true Peace than the President of the United States, nor one whose heart would more revolt at the infliction of needless injury, suffering or humiliation on the defeated Rebels.

We propose, therefore, to leave the arrangement on our side of conditions of Peace wholly to him and his constitutional advisers, while we entreat every loyal citizen to do his very utmost toward securing an early and fit pacification of the country by swelling the ranks of the Union armies. To this end, let every drafted man who can be spared from his business respond personally to the call of duty; let every one who cannot go find a worthy and patriotic substitute; and let each State, county, city and township, generously aid and encourage the National effort to recruit our wasted armies while frowning indignantly upon each device to defeat or nullify the National Conscription.

COPPERHEAD THREATS.

The Patriot and Union is, and long has been, the Democratic organ at the political metropolis of Pennsylvania. This is the way it comments on our statement that the President would inflexibly enforce the Draft:

"There are not now in arms, under authority of the Administration, men enough to subdue the people of New-York, if they are pressed to revolution. Recollect, in that event, it would be no unmixed, unarmed mob that would be encountered by the agents of the Administration; but men as good and as true as themselves, organized, and educated, and armed, and what is of still more consequence, secure in the consciousness that they were fighting for the preservation of constitutional rights and guarantees against usurping power that would destroy them and subvert the Government. And recollect further, that in such a conflict not all the bayonets in the army would be turned against the people. Those who would be engaged in such a struggle against lawless oppression have fathers and sons and brothers—whole brigades, divisions and corps of them in that army who, if they tried or charged at all, would fire and charge against the oppressors of their blood and the enemies of their country."

Before needlessly and cruelly provoking a fresh revolution by resorting to unnecessarily extreme measures, it will